

Oakley wins re-election to 34th District court bench

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Judge Brian Oakley beat out challenger Robert Coutts with more than 70 percent of the vote Tuesday night to win re-election to the 34th District Court bench.

When all the votes were tallied, Oakley received 18,419 votes to Coutts 7,701.

"I feel vindicated," said Oakley. "I thought I was doing a good job and now the people have told me that I am, indeed, doing a good job. Now I will concentrate on ways to provide the citizens with better service and better programs."

The 34th District Court serves the cities of Belleville and Romulus and the townships of Huron, Sumpter and Van Buren. Oakley was elected in 1998 and started his first term in 1999.

Oakley said that he brings a livelihood and passion to the court system.

"People come up to me and tell me I look like I'm having so much fun up there in the court room," said Oakley. "That's because I am. Helping the people who come through the court room is not work to me."

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Oakley said he is constantly seeking a better "mouse trap" and has been instrumental in the implementation of several new programs at the court. The programs include the Juvenile Justice Program, which allow youthful offenders to be closely monitored locally, rather than in downtown Detroit by an over-burdened county juvenile program, he said.

"We are always looking to try new programs," said Oakley. "The chief judge is starting 'sobriety courts.' It will be a faster-paced handling of court cases. It will include an intense follow through and relationship between the judges and the offenders. To keep on top of

them, we will meet once a week to see how they are doing."

Oakley said now that the election is behind him he is looking forward to focusing on the new sobriety courts that will begin early next year.

Oakley and area educators have also developed an at-court suspension program. The program will allow schools and parents to "sentence" a child to a day in court when the only other alternative is a suspension from school and a "free" day at home.

"We are talking with the Romulus schools to start a teen court," said Oakley. "The judge would be involved, but the kids would do the trial. It was a big success in Plymouth and was very effective on selling the court system to the kids."

Oakley said that most children have negative thoughts on the court system. This program would give them faith and understanding of how the process works, he said.

"I feel like I've made a difference, especially with kids," said Oakley. "Education is the key that opens life's doors. I am constantly telling the kids that more education equals greater opportunities. To know that I've made a difference is very gratifying."

Around the world

Students at Halecreek Elementary School participated in the annual Cultural Diversity program by learning about different cultures throughout the world. Each class was given the task of researching a certain country or culture to be able to teach their fellow students about their project. Students in the kindergarten class learned about the American Indians and constructed a teepee. Students in the fifth grade learned about the Italian culture noting the location and language of Italy and their love for soccer. Sixth graders studied the country of Afghanistan.



Candle lighting memorial to honor lost loved ones

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For some families who have lost loved ones, the holiday season can become one of the most difficult times of the year, according to Paulette Crane of Crane Funeral Home in Romulus.

"And as a funeral home we want to be able to help families deal with the grief of loss and find a way to move on, but still remember their loved one in a special way," she said.

Last year, Crane Funeral Home began a new tradition to help families get through the holiday season: a memorial candle lighting ceremony. This ceremony is an effort to assist families through the holiday season, said Crane.

"I think the holiday season

can be hardest for families, because of family traditions," she said. "With the loss of a loved one, some family traditions may stop or may not be the same. So, the ceremony is a chance for families to begin a new tradition and at the same time remember and honor their loved one."

The ceremony, conducted by Wes Baldwin, director of Pointe Care Counseling, will provide families with a presentation on how to handle the holidays. Then families will be able to light a candle in remembrance of their loved one.

Crane said she believes the ceremony can bring a sense of peace and closure to family members, because sometimes people don't realize the void that can occur with the loss of a loved

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Communities evaluate financial bailout of The Senior Alliance

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Editor

The City of Wayne became the third of 34 impacted communities to provide additional support for the troubled Senior Alliance (TSA) organization.

The Wayne City Council voted unanimously Monday night to allocate an additional \$3,048 for the next 3 years to help the organization pay off its debt to Wayne County.

The organization, which provides a wide variety of services to senior citizens throughout Wayne County, owes \$550,000 for services it provided but could not

pay for, according to Bob Brown, interim director of TSA.

"To this point, and at this time, there is no evidence of wrongdoing or any money disappearing," he told members of the Wayne council Monday night. "It is simply a matter of an agency not cutting expenses to reflect their revenue."

The issue came up during the past month, he said, and caused the resignation of the former executive director, Mike Simowski. Brown, a former state legislator who had a job at SBC communications, said he took a pay cut and gave up bonuses to take on the role of turning

around the organization.

"I'm totally committed to The Senior Alliance," he said. "I'm totally committed to this cause." In his six weeks in the interim role, he's already made several things happen to reduce overhead, he said. The organization has reduced its pension plan, saving \$22,000 a year. It's reduced staff, saving another \$250,000. He said he's also negotiating with his former employer to reduce phone bills, which could net another \$10,000-\$20,000 savings for the group. He's also made sure that the organization has paid its debt to the county for the current year.

Brown has also petitioned the communities served by TSA for a special assessment - additional payments for the next 3 years that will help them break even. The communities impacted include Wayne, Westland, Romulus, Canton Township, Plymouth, Inkster and Northville.

Wayne City Manager John Zech said the organization has been an effective one for the city. The \$1,524 in annual dues the city pays to the organization ultimately brings back more than \$390,000 in services in the form of meals served through Meals on Wheels, the Congregate Meals

program, health care for shut-ins and more. All together, the funds contributed by the municipalities are used to leverage more than \$10 million in state and federal grant funds.

Brown said that, although Wayne was only the third community to approve the additional funds for the organization, all 34 member communities have paid their regular annual dues. He said he hoped it was merely a matter of timing - he said he would be visiting the municipalities to better describe the plight of the organization as well as they steps that have been taken to correct it.

Watershed Bill would help fund Rouge clean-up

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With funds from federal grants running out, the Rouge River is once again in need of some financial help.

A bill currently in the State Senate seeks to aid the Rouge and other Michigan rivers and streams through the formation of watershed alliances.

If approved, Senate Bill 1432 would legally recognize currently existing watershed alliances and allow for the formation of new ones under state law. All communities within a watershed will have the opportunity to participate in the groups, no matter how much of the river threads its way through the area.

While it wouldn't allow the alliances to levy any sort of taxes, it would join due-paying communities together in a common cause to restore the river.

"It provides communities a way to easily get together to pursue watershed management," said Chuck Hersey, environmental director for the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), one of the organizations supporting the bill. "It gives them legal recognition and gives them the ability to get together and apply for grants," he said.

The watershed alliances would be able to join together on a volunteer basis to address sur-

face water management issues, develop bylaws for membership, seek grants, gifts or contributions from public or private sources, expend funds to meet common state or federal water discharge permit requirements, implement actions identified in local plans and advocate for local interests before federal, state and regional agencies.

The Rouge watershed has the distinction of running through the most densely populated area in the state. It drains in both Wayne and Oakland counties and encompasses 467 square miles and 43 communities including Westland, Wayne, Plymouth, Canton Township and Van Buren Township.

For years, the Rouge was the prime example of urban river mistreatment, serving as a dumping site for industrial and sewer waste. Only since the 1990s has there been any concerted government effort to clean the river. The proposed bill would continue these efforts and hopefully make communities not currently participating aware of the importance of restoring the watershed, according to Christopher Kelly, director of communications for State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton), the main legislator behind the bill.

"Water quality is a big issue," he said. "It affects everyone who lives in the area."

In western Wayne County, the

bill would bolster the activities of the Assembly of the Rouge, an organization that has been conducting the National Rouge River Wet Weather Demonstration Project. It began in 1992 with a \$250 million grant from the federal Environment Protection Agency (EPA), according to Kurt Heise, director of the Wayne County Department of Environment.

The project is involved in myriad efforts relating to water quality. It has attempted to limit the amount of combined sewer overflows (CSOs) in the watershed. CSOs that degrade the river include storm water runoff and discharges from on-site septic systems and other illicit connections to the river.

The project has also been involved in lake and wetland restoration, erosion control and flow variability.

According to Heise, the county would not be able to receive a storm water permit, which is required by the federal government, without the studies.

But the most important thing is that the project contributes to the river's health, according to Carolyne McCaughey, executive

director of the Friends of the Rouge.

Now, with the grant dwindling—the project receives about \$1 million dollars a year, according to Heise—there is a need for communities in the Rouge watershed to worry about money.

"These dollars are diminishin as the years pass," McCaughey said.

Thirty-seven of the 43 communities in the Rouge watershed have already expressed interest. According to Heise, there is about \$300,000 on the table from those communities involved in

the Rouge alliance.

Van Buren Township has already approved a resolution supporting the legislation. "Our overall responsibility is to educate residents about the quality of water," said

Dan Swallow, environmental director for the township. "To do so on a small scale is not as effective as it would be on a large scale. There is a lot more we can do with alliances. They would allow us to better meet permit requirements," he added.

Tom Wilson, director of public services for the City of Westland, said the alliance will be a good step to bring the Rouge communities together for fundraising and projects.

"This allows us to share the costs on projects that help keep the river clean," he said.

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Brooke Tanner, a seventh grader at Romulus Middle School voted in the mock election Tuesday.

Mock election teaches students politics

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Staff Writer

Election Day is no longer just for adults, at least not at Romulus Middle School.

As parents went to the polls Tuesday to cast their ballots in the 2004 election, middle school students participated in their own election.

"These students are so well informed on the issues in this election," said social studies teacher Akua Saulsberry. "I think in some instances they are more informed than many of the adults I know."

For weeks, the social studies teachers have been talking about the presidential election to their students and trying to get them interested in the process, but what has happened is far beyond what teachers expected.

"These students know what is going on right now," said Saulsberry. "They are going home at night and getting on the computer and doing their own research to be able to make an informed decision on Election Day."

Two weeks ago students were able to register to vote in the school mock election. In order to vote, students were required to have their voter registration card with them when they went to the mock polls set up throughout the school.

"Some students didn't register to vote or lost their voter registration cards and they were upset that they would not be able to vote," said Saulsberry. "They saw their friends going to polls and voting and were regretful that they weren't more careful."

Grades were divided into precincts and just as in the real election, students had to vote in their own precinct or their vote would not be counted.

"We wanted to make this process as similar to the real voting process as possible," said Salusberry. "We believe that if we can get them interested about the election process now, then when they are finally able to vote they will be able to make informed decisions."

Being old enough to vote is

something that Brooke Tanner, a seventh grader, said she couldn't wait for, even if it is 6 years away.

"I know that when I turn 18 I will go out and vote," said Tanner. "I know how important it is to vote."

But for now Tanner said she is content voting in the mock election, because she said she knows all the issues and has made her mind up about who is the right man for the job.

"I am voting for Kerry," said Tanner. "I believe that he is the better choice when it comes to schools and improving the healthcare system. He is going to make this country better."

Also on the minds of students casting their vote was the Iraq war.

"The war in Iraq is really important to us," said Shelia Reeves, a seventh grader. "It is something that affects all of us, but to change it people have to vote. People don't vote because they don't think their vote counts, but it does."

Results of the mock election were not available at press time.

Area mourns death of beloved pastor

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Staff Writer

The Rev. Lonnie England got a surprise when he filled in for a vacationing pastor in 1945. The vacationing pastor of the then-small Calvary Baptist Church in Romulus never came back.

And the Rev. England never left.

For the next 40 years, the Rev. England built up the small church from a handful of worshipers to more than 400 members, until his retirement in 1985. The Rev. England died on Oct. 26 at the age of 84.

The Rev. England was known as a kind and learned pastor who would do anything for members of his church.

"He was a very pleasant person. He always had a smile," said Ken Belch, a pastor at Bethany Bible Church.

His daughter-in-law, Vicki England, said that there were plenty of times when the Rev. England would stay at the hospital all night with sick church members.

The Rev. England was also known for the many marriage and baptism ceremonies he performed. He once baptized 37 people at the same time.

Friends and family remember him as someone who, even when he was retired, was never really retired. After his official retirement, England taught Sunday School in Florida, where he lived part of the year. He was



Rev. Lonnie England

also a prominent member of Bethany Bible Church in Belleville.

The Rev. England, born in March 12, 1920, was a farm boy in Tennessee before being ordained in 1945 at Riley's Baptist Church in his native state and moving to Romulus with his wife, Alberta.

The early years of the church were lean and the Rev. England worked at the Romulus Foundry. He worked there throughout the 40s and early 50s, until the church grew large enough for a full-time pastor.

The Rev. England and Alberta had three children, sons David and Paul; and daughter, Linda.

In 1968, Alberta England died of a brain aneurysm.

He is survived by his wife, Florence, whom he married in 1974, his sister, Mrs. Menyon Baker of Southgate, his children, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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one.

"In today's world everything is always hustle and bustle," she said. "Sometimes people just don't realize the large void that is left when a family member dies until the holiday season

comes around. We want to be there to help people get through that tough time."

The candle lighting service will begin at 7 p.m. on Dec. 4 at Crane Funeral Home. Family members and friends are all welcome to attend, said Crane.

"We want people to know that they are not alone," she said.

For more information call (734) 941-9200.

High school students rock the Romulus vote

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Freshman at Romulus High School may not be old enough to vote, but they are old enough to "rock the Romulus vote" according to English teacher Keisa Sterling.

"Even though these students are not of voting age, they wanted to be a part of the process," said Sterling. "So we decided to rock the vote in Romulus."

Each year, high school freshmen are required to participate in a service-learning project. The students must be learning something, but at the same time serving their community.

"We decided that since it was an election year and the students wanted to be involved, we could

do that by getting out the vote on Election Day," said Sterling.

Students in each class were given the task of coming up with a flyer that would inform the Romulus public about the two main candidates and, in doing so, the students became well-informed on the issues of the election, said Sterling.

"By having to research the candidates the students themselves began to form clear and decisive opinions about who they would vote for if they were eligible," she said.

Students then spent 2 days canvassing the Romulus neighborhoods and talking to residents about the importance of voting.

"They simply encouraged people who answered their door to vote," said Sterling. "If no one



Freshman at Romulus High School decided to rock the Romulus vote this year and went door-to-door to encourage residents to vote on Election Day while passing out 1,200 flyers. Some of the students who participated in the 2-day get out the vote effort included from left, Camille Crawford, Kristina Hall, Rebecca Hall, Landen Turner, Javeon Turner, Khadija Bond, Alonzo Smith and Kevin Crawford.

was home, the students left a flyer for the homeowner."

Sterling said the project was a success for the students, because

they accomplished what they set out to do.

"The students were able to become involved in the process,

even though they are not able to vote yet," she said. "That was the most important part of the project."

Women's club to fund charity work with fashion show

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Staff Writer

Belleville Business and Professional Women (BPW) members are taking their fundraising efforts to the runway for their annual fashion show.

The BPW will host its 20th annual fashion show at 6 p.m. Nov. 17 at the Woodlands of Van Buren, 3960 Ecorse Road in Wayne. The event will generate funds for the Community Educational Program that awards scholarships to high school graduates and women who want to go back to school. Tickets are \$28.

Joyce Rochowiak, an event committee member, said the fashion show is the biggest fundraising effort of the year for the club.

Members hope to generate more than \$3,000, which, she said, they usually do.

"The goal can be easily met if all the members sell enough tickets," she said. "We depend on the ladies to get out there and sell those tickets. There is nothing this big that generates this much money for us."

The fashion show will showcase members from the club in three different outfits: business attire, casual wear and evening-wear from Dressbarn of Arborland in Ann Arbor. The outfits modeled will not be for sale, but Rochowiak said that there would be other ways to contribute, including a Chinese auction and raffle tickets.

The goal of the club is to promote equality of all women and to help create better conditions for working women through the

study of social, educational, economic and political issues.

"It's all about women helping other women," said Rochowiak.

"To me the group means that there are women still out there who are being neglected in different ways. Everybody gets caught up in their daily life, but we are here for them, and we hope that other women can find the time to support our organization."

And their efforts to help other women do not end there.

The club also participates in 'Make a Difference Day,' donating items to different organizations, they host a yearly Reality

Store giving students a small dose of the 'real world,' food lockers for area churches, Christmas drives for the needy and other local charitable projects.

The Belleville BPW currently has 32 members. They meet once a month and are always looking for more women to join their club.

"We try to make ourselves known and shown," said Rochowiak. "We want to recognize women, what they do and how they do it."

Anyone who would like to purchase tickets for the fashion show can call Rochowiak at 734-697-7108, or 313-304-0474.



New neighbors

City of Belleville and Van Buren Township officials, along with Belleville Mayor Tom Fielder, Bridget Holt, co-op president of Belleville Co-op Apartments and Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano welcomed the new housing development—Belleville Co-op Apartments—into the area last week. At the dedication ceremony, Ficano said that he was pleased to see this kind of economic development in Wayne County. The subsidized senior housing, managed by Cooperative Services Inc., has more than 49 services throughout Michigan.

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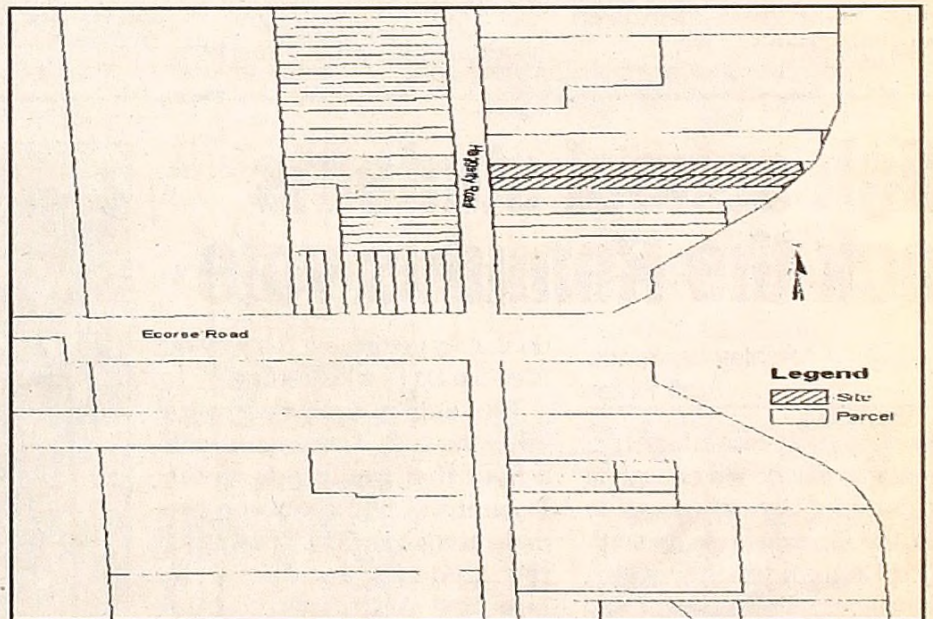
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Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Wednesday, November 10, 2004** to consider a zoning change on the following described property:

The Public Hearing relates to the following described property:

Parcel number V125-83-003-99-0013-000 & V125-83-003-99-0012-0000 approximately 4.46 acres is located on the east side of Haggerty Road between Ecorse Road and Van Born Road. A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



The applicant is requesting special use approval. A special use approval is required for a recreational vehicle storage yards, subject to the provisions of Section 4.27 for open air business/use per Section 15.03 (c) of the Zoning Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m., November 10, 2004, the hearing date.

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OPINION

Here's to 30 more

They say the average 'life' of a city administrator in Michigan is between 3 and 5 years.

And that's including people like John Zech, who has worked in various administrative capacities for the City of Wayne for 25 years, and for municipal government for 30.

Zech was honored Monday night by the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) for his 30 years of service to local government.

It's sometimes easy to overlook the contribution administrators like Zech provide to their municipalities. He is actually a near perfect example of what a city manager should be. His knowledge of the community is unparalleled, his presence provides a sense of stability for the community that is rare for cities like Wayne. He's rarely the man out in front of the scenes, and yet he makes sure that everything is running smoothly behind them.

It's not an easy job. There are plenty of reasons city managers have relatively short shelf lives. They have to deal with a wide range of personalities, are dependent upon a changing board to keep their jobs. It doesn't take a huge number of votes to unseat them, as it would to take an elected incumbent out of office. It only takes four:

Perhaps the largest indicator of a city well run can be seen in the city council meetings, themselves. True, Wayne has had their share of tumultuous meetings as difficult issues have been raised and discussed, but Zech has steered the community through those times, and should be applauded for it. Meetings in Wayne are now generally good natured, with an occasional hiccup.

There are many things that factor into that, of course, including the personalities of the elected officials and department heads themselves. A good portion of that has to be, though, that the ideas he presents, the goals he aims for and the general direction plotted for the city are so well thought out that the reasons behind them are obvious.

A glance around the city can show anyone that good things are on the way, and it is in part because of his leadership. Anyone who watches the city council meeting of Monday night will also clearly see that his office is not just an office, this town not just a place to come and work. He likes it here, he cares, and the city is far better off with his presence.

The fountain of youth

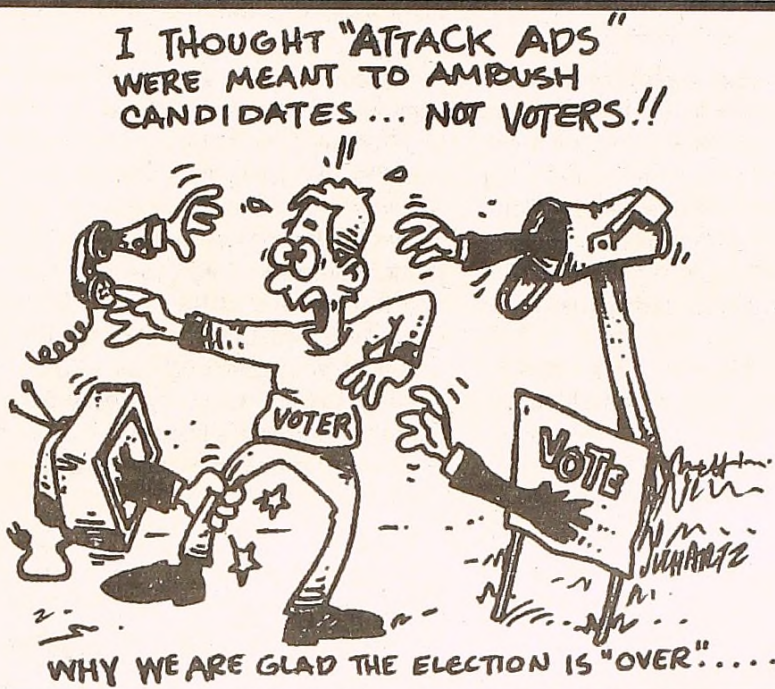
It makes perfect sense for the Plymouth Canton Youth Advisory Commission (PCYAC) to head up the fundraising efforts replace the downtown fountain in the center of Kellogg Park.

There is nothing more effective than a group of young people dedicated toward a common goal.

The project will be an ambitious one, and it's one the group of young people decided to take on at their regular meeting last Monday. Hopefully the goal will help give the group a greater sense of identity, and help attract other potential members into the fold. It can be an inspiring thing to get involved in a community service effort, and to have such a prominent project displayed, in perpetuity, can only further that inspiration.

The City of Plymouth has been fortunate during the last several years, to have such dedicated groups volunteer to help out. They've managed to finish off several capital improvement projects with help from the community, projects that would otherwise not have been accomplished. The two biggest examples are the downtown restrooms that are now open in The Gathering - which itself was funded in much the same way - and the Jack Wilcox Park unveiled by the city recently.

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Civic pride, not prejudice

Sometimes, things are so obvious that you don't even notice them.

I realized that last week, as I was driving around the City of Wayne. Every time I do that, I try to envision the city as I'd like to see it, with no vacant storefronts, well-maintained property, lots of people - the sort of city that would instill the pride that I already feel. I guess that's one of my ultimate goals for the city - to not have to defend it to people who don't live here, don't know what's going on.

What would it take, I ask myself, to really turn things around? I picture a combination of retail and residential buildings constructed in outlots near Metro Place Mall, a polished and inhabited Jamison Block building, the buildings along Michigan Avenue filling up, fewer used car lots. It would take a lot to bring those things to fruition, I know.

But the thing that should have been obvious is that good things are already happening here.

You can notice it virtually as soon as you enter the city, from any direction. From the west, the first thing you see is the expansion at Artman's Nursery, and the construction of the nearby Scholl Deck and Carpentry. From the east, the renovation at

the former Taylor Door building, along with the nearly-complete new police department. In the south, work has already begun on a new condominium project on Wayne Road and plans will soon be submitted on the long-vacant former Mad Anthony's building. Sold signs have started to appear on the Fountain Place Condominiums, and work will soon start on the clock tower plaza at the corner of Wayne Road and Michigan Avenue.

Just up the street, the renovations at William P Frank's furniture are nearing completion. Across the street, a mixed-used, two story building is planned that will bring additional retail, office and residential space to downtown.

There's a lot of things going on - a good sign in a troubled economy.

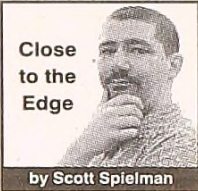
Those are just the projects that can be seen without venturing into any of the neighborhoods. Many of those are just as busy - look at the work being done on Howe Street, just north of the Wayne Community Center, the scattered parcels where blighted homes have been torn down and are now being replaced with new ones.

I've often expressed impatience with how things are progressing in the city. Many of the

people I hang out with here are young, excited and full of great ideas, too. Their exuberance wears off on me and it's sometimes easy to think the city may be dragging their heels when it comes to revitalization, particularly when other projects seem to leap frog some of the proposals that have come to light recently. It's a bit odd, for example, that the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) budget can handle the unforeseen expense of a down payment to acquire and demolish the old Clark gas station in front of the new police station, while a plan to put murals on some downtown buildings has to go through the budget process next year.

Ultimately, though, I think that's the small stuff. The gas station purchase may seem like a small thing, but it'll have a long-reaching, positive impact. It'll get rid of it, for one thing, and it'll consolidate a large site for future development.

When you think about it, the combination of long-term, patient planning and the excitement of new people is a good blend to have. Hopefully, each side will feed off the other and the city will soon become a place to brag about, not defend.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

Cure for the winter time blues

We're getting into the time of year when the weather is less than perfect. The warm, dry days of summer will give way to rain, snow and ice. And in Michigan we can get all three in one day.

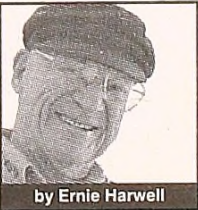
Now we can't just hibernate until springtime. And that means we have to be prepared to go out in whatever Mother Nature throws at us. And even though I'm fortunate enough to spend a few months in Florida, I'm still here for part of the fall and winter. So here's a few tips that I follow, and I hope you will, too:

- Drive even more carefully; if it's raining or snowing the best thing to do is slow down, give yourself more room between you and the car in front of you. And always wear a seat belt, no matter what time of year.
- Stay active. Walk around the mall or jog in place at home.
- Eat healthy foods and drink enough water. In winter, we tend to drink less water than in summer, but it's just as important to stay hydrated in the winter.
- Dress for the weather. A coat, gloves, scarf, hat and boots will protect you from the wet and the cold.

Before you know it, spring will be back, and you'll still be in shape. And remember, take care of your health before it's lonnggg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the

Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.



by Ernie Harwell

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Letters

Another point of view on peace memorial

To the editor;

Imagine this scene: A father and a boy of about 10 are walking on Wayne Road and pass the Veteran's Peace Memorial. The boy asks the father about it and what it stands for. The father explains it to him and says: "Why don't we go next door to the library and read about the cause and effects of the events that led to the peace memorial?"

Boy, what a terrible place for a center of learning and a peace memorial to be placed - next door to each other. How could this be?

I have been a resident of Wayne for 48 years and after watching the council meeting of Oct. 19, I decided to present another point of view. Let's look at the positives concerning the location of the City of Wayne Peace Memorial.

It is located in the heart of downtown Wayne.

It is next to a library.

It is next to new housing.

It has park benches and a lighted walkway for evening visits.

It has a parking structure that offers free parking to visitors.

It's across the street from several churches.

It's across the street from a nice restaurant.

It's within walking distance from Goudy Park, city hall, St Mary's, the main business district of Wayne, the fire station, police station, courthouse and our senior activity center.

I could go on, but you get the picture.

Making decisions, whether as an individual or family or city or state, etc, is always difficult and the easiest thing in the world to do is second guess. As the old saying goes, hindsight is 20/20.

I have known council people for a long time in the City of Wayne. There have been many good ones and a few not so good, but I know of no decision that was ever made in disrespect to veterans of any kind. Perhaps mistakes were made, but if we had a crystal ball, we would live in a

perfect world. Decisions of all kinds are made based on the best information and judgment at the time.

I would also like to address some of the negatives that were discussed at the meeting. People state that the peace memorial is not visible from the south on Michigan Avenue, east. Traffic is quite heavy and moves on the road at 35-45 mph, so I really think people should be watching the road and not looking at the memorial. I was recently in Washington D.C. for the first time this year and I cannot think of any memorials that were very visible from the highway. Memorials should be visited in a slow, solemn manner and not from a car window at 40 mph.

From a personal viewpoint, I have no problem with the peace memorial. I am very proud of it and I think it is in a great location.

I was very disappointed in watching the council meeting to see council members berated in the name of veterans. I can't believe any veterans who dies in a war would want their death used to berate anyone for their ideas, opinion or decisions. Free speech and discussions are what these men and women fought for but we must also be able to accept the decisions of the majority and go on.

An idea was put forth at the meeting to move the memorial. I doubt a committee could be formed in Wayne to agree on a location, if in fact this idea were even feasible. Let's face it, the peace memorial is here to stay. Visit it, enjoy it and, most of all, respect it. That's why it was built and what it is all about.

To the veterans who were at the council, you have my utmost respect. Keep up the great traditions, but please don't use your positions to berate people. Let's face it; if funds were available to move the memorial, should they be spent on additional, worthwhile projects.

Maybe mistakes were made in the past but none were done in disrespect. We have a very nice memorial. Let's move forward and make the best of it.

Ron Hays,
Wayne

Fountain

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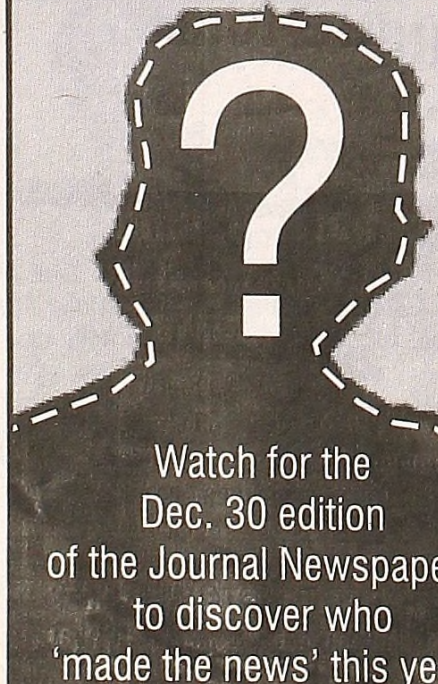
Getting young people involved in the effort to rebuild the fountain will benefit the community, and the PCYAC, in many different ways.

It gets an energetic group of youngsters involved in the city; they may find the experience so rewarding that they will take a greater part in the community as

they get older. It takes the financial burden off the city, as well, and it shows that the city is willing to give more than lip service to the concept of getting young people involved in important decisions and projects.

The proposed name for the fountain - the Fountain of Youth - is good, too. The immediate connection is obvious. It also shows, symbolically, that the heart of the community lies in its young people.

That's a thought that should spring eternal.



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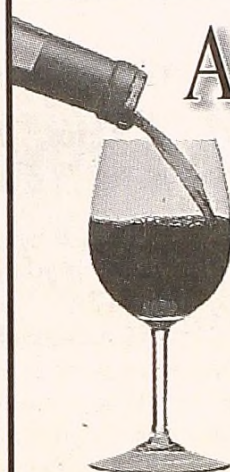
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OBITUARIES

GREEN, Margaret C.

Margaret C. Green, 78, of Romulus, died Oct. 23.

Among her survivors are her sons, Gary W. Dunstorn of Belleville; daughters, Dianna (James) Peters of Southgate, Noreen (Kenneth) Westphal of Brownstown Township, Donna (Glen) Goodan of Olive Hill, KY, Gail (Brad) Alford of Jacksonville, FL; step-children, Linda (Gordon) Schopper of Belleville, Janette Green of Ewing, VA, David Green of Romulus, Gregory (Lisa) Green of Romulus, Joseph (Susan) Green of Brighton, TN, Patricia (David) Hughes of Stockton, CA, Susan (Mike) Brockway of Brighton; 17 step-grandchildren, three step-great-grandchildren, 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home with the Rev. Phillip M. Dinwiddie of St. James Episcopal Church on Grosse Ile officiating.

Interment was at Romulus Cemetery.

WISE, Hubert Edward

Hubert Edward Wise, 93, of Belleville, formerly of Grand Rapids, died Oct. 27.

Among his survivors are his sons, Larry (Sarah) Wise of Georgetown, TX and Mel "Doyle" (Billie) Wise of Belleville; a sister, Arles Merrill of Westland; a brother, Ray Wise of Belleville; 10 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren, and two great-great-granddaughters.

Mr. Wise was formerly a member of the Mason Lodge and the Corvair Club.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Revs. Kenneth Belch and John F. Losen officiating.

Interment was at Rosedale Memorial Park in Grand Rapids.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD OCTOBER 11, 2004 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.

Present: LeRoy Burcroff, William Crova, Randolph Gear, Charles Miller, Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Alan Lambert, Mayor

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk

Pamela Morrison Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to approve the agenda as amended.*

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays -None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-419

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held October 4, 2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays -None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

3A. None.

04-420

4A. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Sandra C. Steinhardt.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays -None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-421

4B. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Romak to authorize Legal Council James Tamm of , O'Connor, DeGrazia, Tamm. & O'Connor, P.C., to proceed as directed in the matter of Orco Investments, Inc. vs City of Romulus.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays -None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Romak to accept the Chairmans' Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays -None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-422

5A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the 2004 Sub-recipient Agreement CDBG Funds between the City of Romulus and the County of Wayne.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-423

5B. Motion by Crova, supported by Prybyla to award Bid #04/05-08 to the lowest qualified bidder, J.S. Vig Construction Company in the amount of \$367,000.00 for the Proposed Romulus Senior Center Construction Management Services.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays -None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-424

5C. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to adopt a Resolution prepared by bond counsel, Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, authorizing the sale of 2004 Downtown Development Bonds (Limited Tax General Obligation), for construction of the Proposed. Romulus Senior Center. Complete resolution on file in the Clerks Office.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays -None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-425

5D. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an "Agreement for Placement of Exposure Controls at the Dump site near Wick Elementary School Facility and a Declaration of Restrictive Covenant" on behalf of the City for the release of grant funds through the Clean Michigan Initiative Grant.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays -None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-426

6A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to adopt second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendments 04/05-7, introduced at the meeting held October 11, 2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays -None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-427

6A2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to recognition of the historic value of the Wabash Freight Building, to award a bid for moving/restoration of same from its current location to the Romulus Historic Park as follows: Foundation and restoration work to the only bidder, R.J. Perry Carpentry, in the amount of \$40,946.80.

Building moving contract to the low bidder C & A Construction Co., in the amount of \$16,053.20, and to grant no-fee building and moving permits.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays -None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-428

11. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Wadsworth to authorize the Treasurer of the City of Romulus to disburse payment of Warrant 04-19 in the amount of Four Hundred Seventy Nine Thousand, Three Hundred Twenty Three Dollars, and Thirty Six Cent (\$479,323.36).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays -None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

11. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays -None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

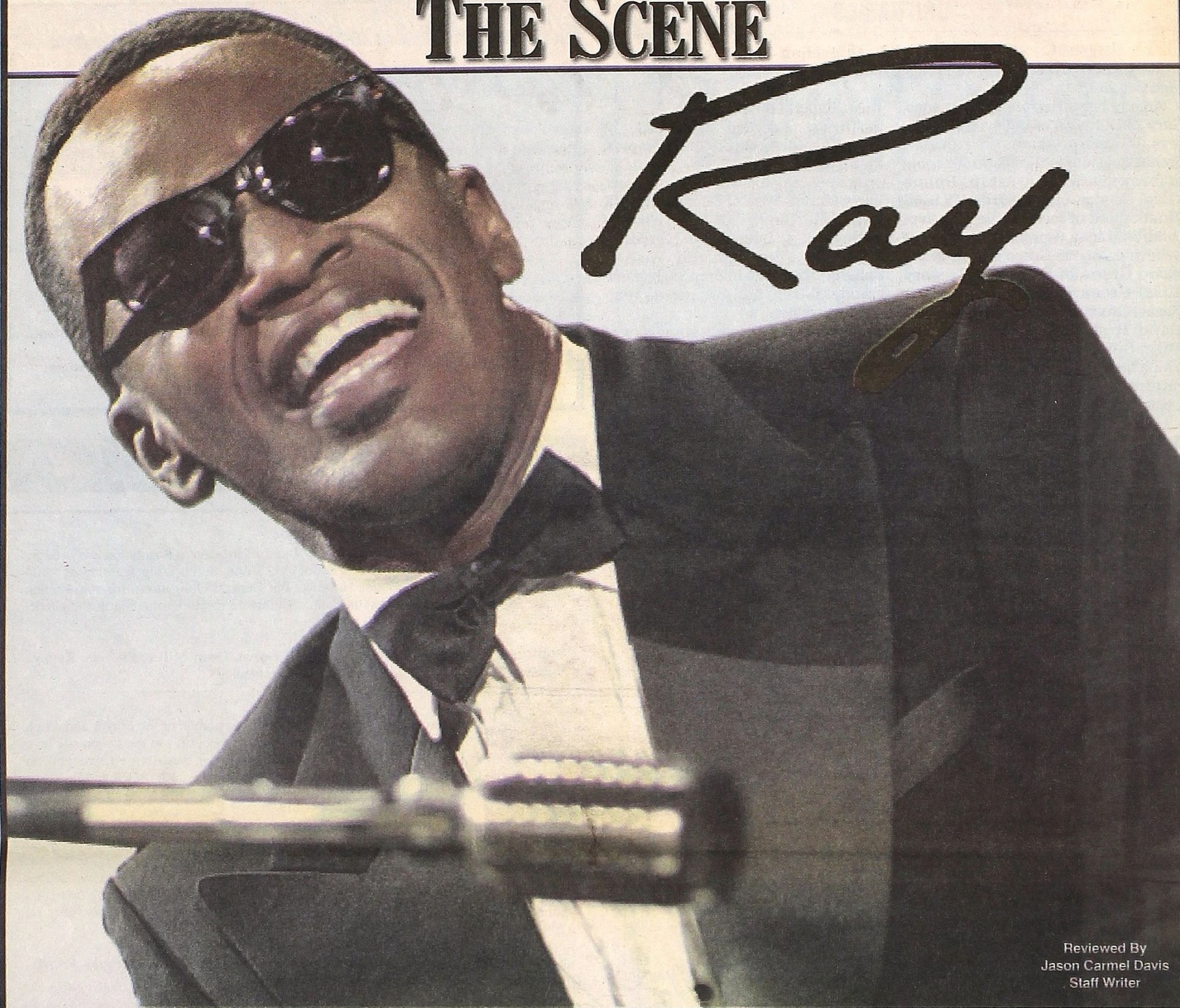
I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held October 1, 2004.

Linda R. Choate
City Clerk

Publish: November 4, 2004

THE SCENE

Ray



Reviewed By
Jason Carmel Davis
Staff Writer

Film brings story of music icon to life

From the opening musical number to the closing credits, I was completely enthralled with Jamie Foxx' compelling portrayal of musical great Ray Charles in the biopic *Ray*.

Born in a poor town in Georgia, Ray Charles Robinson went blind at the age of 7, shortly after he witnessed his younger brother's accidental death.

Inspired by a fiercely independent mother who insisted he make his own way in the world, Charles found his calling -and his gift- behind a piano keyboard. Touring across the Southern musical - or "Chitlin" - circuit, the soulful singer gained a reputation and then exploded into worldwide fame when he incorporated gospel, country, jazz and orchestral influences into his inimitable style.

As in any film biography, *Ray* is complete with a rags-to-riches tale that provides many twists and turns along the icon's road to stardom.

At the beginning of the film, Charles hops on a bus to Seattle where he has found a "gig." Upon his arrival, he meets a very young, hard-headed horn player named Quincy Jones-yes, that Quincy Jones-played by Larenz Tate (*Menace to Society*). Because of his obvious disability, the owner of the bar where Charles is slated to perform, deemed it right to take

advantage of the blind virtuoso. The woman keeps him high, while she discusses business with other people. A saying his mother taught him when he was young aids him in this situation, as Charles is able to "scratch a lie and find a thief."

After leaving that bad situation, Charles joins a small group on the aforementioned Chitlin circuit. He is paid fairly well, and in a unique way. To make sure he isn't shorted on his funds, Charles ask to be paid entirely in singles. It is also in this tour where he meets his eventual long-time friend and business associate, Jeff Brown, played by Clifton Powell (*Dead Presidents*, *Friday After Next*). Their friendship blossoms as Brown takes it upon himself to look out for Charles' best interests.

It was amazing to find out how Charles got around without a cane or a dog. Charles wore hard-soled shoes, as he said, "everything sounds different."

He also used an interesting method to pick his female companions. Charles caresses their wrists to determine if they pique his interests. In one unforgettable scene, he grabs the wrist of a heavyset woman, makes a less than interested face, and goes about his business.

The film was filled with great performances, which were complemented

greatly with the presence of Charles' classic music.

Foxx does an outstanding job in his portrayal of Charles. From his big grin, all the way down to his walk, Foxx somehow channels the aura of Charles to give an Oscar-worthy performance.

Kerry Washington (*Save the Last Dance*) plays Charles' wife, Della Bee Robinson, gives another strong performance, as she sticks by Charles in all his trials and tribulations.

Regina King (*Jerry Maguire*, *Boyz in the Hood*) plays Margie Hendricks, Charles' "woman on the side," who probably loves him as much as his wife does, and who also wants to be apart of everything in his life, including his drug use.

It was that drug use, and his marital indiscretions, that alienated Charles' family and friends, and almost cost him his career.

The film also revealed how shrewd a businessman Charles was.

After signing a recording contract with ABC, Charles negotiates a deal where he will receive .75 cents per record sold, as opposed to the .10 cents he received while at Atlantic records. He was also the first artist to own all the rights to his master recordings.

As he revolutionized the way people appreciated music, he simultaneously

fought segregation in the very clubs that launched him and championed artists' rights within the corporate music business.

Ray provides a portrait of Charles' musical genius as he overcomes drug addiction while transforming into one of this country's most beloved performers.

Nonetheless, as Charles' unprecedented fame grew, so did his weakness for drugs and women, until they threatened to strip away the very things he held most dear. This little-known story of Ray Charles' meteoric rise from humble beginnings, his successful struggle to excel in a sighted world and the eventual defeat of his own personal demons make for an inspiring and unforgettable true story of human triumph.

The film also possesses a great deal of nostalgic value for those who lived in the era where Charles was at the height of his popularity and success.

During certain parts of the film, when a song would begin to play, I could hear people in the theatre whispering the words and tapping their feet. I'm sure Charles' infectious style was ever-present at house parties throughout the country for decades.

This is an exceptional film about an exceptional man who became an American icon.

THE SCENE

Cast, director give *Birth* to intriguing film

By the time the surreal events that take place in *Birth* are explained, the movie poses more questions than answers.

The movie opens with a lonely jogger winding down a path in an upscale New York City park in the driving snow. The jogger, who we later learn is Sean Dunne, collapses beneath an underpass, and dies.

Ten years later, Sean's young widow, Anna (Nicole Kidman),

still mourns her husband, but has decided to marry the wealthy and persistent Joseph, who understands that Sean's death still haunts his young fiancé.

Everything goes along as planned until a 10-year-old boy (Cameron Bright) shows up at a birthday party for Anna's mother and insists that he is the reincarnation of Sean, who has been dead for 10 years. His name is

also Sean.

Anna reacts at first with disbelief, but slowly realizes the boy seems to know things that only a husband would know about her, and her family. Joseph (Danny Huston), who has spent the better part of 5 years wooing the widow, first shows restraint at Sean's revelations.

No one seems to believe the little boy, but no one can explain

the boy's knowledge.

Anna finds herself inexplicably drawn to him, which sets off alarm bells with her mother; gamely portrayed by veteran actress Lauren Bacall, and the rest of Anna's network of extended family and friends.

That network includes a married couple, Clifford (Peter Storem) and Clara (Anne Heche), whose roles aren't clear until the last 15 minutes of the film.

There are some scenes that could have been controversial in the hands of a lesser director, but Jonathan Glazer handles each of them with skill. The first one is a kiss on a busy street between Anna and the young Sean, another is of the pair in a bathtub.

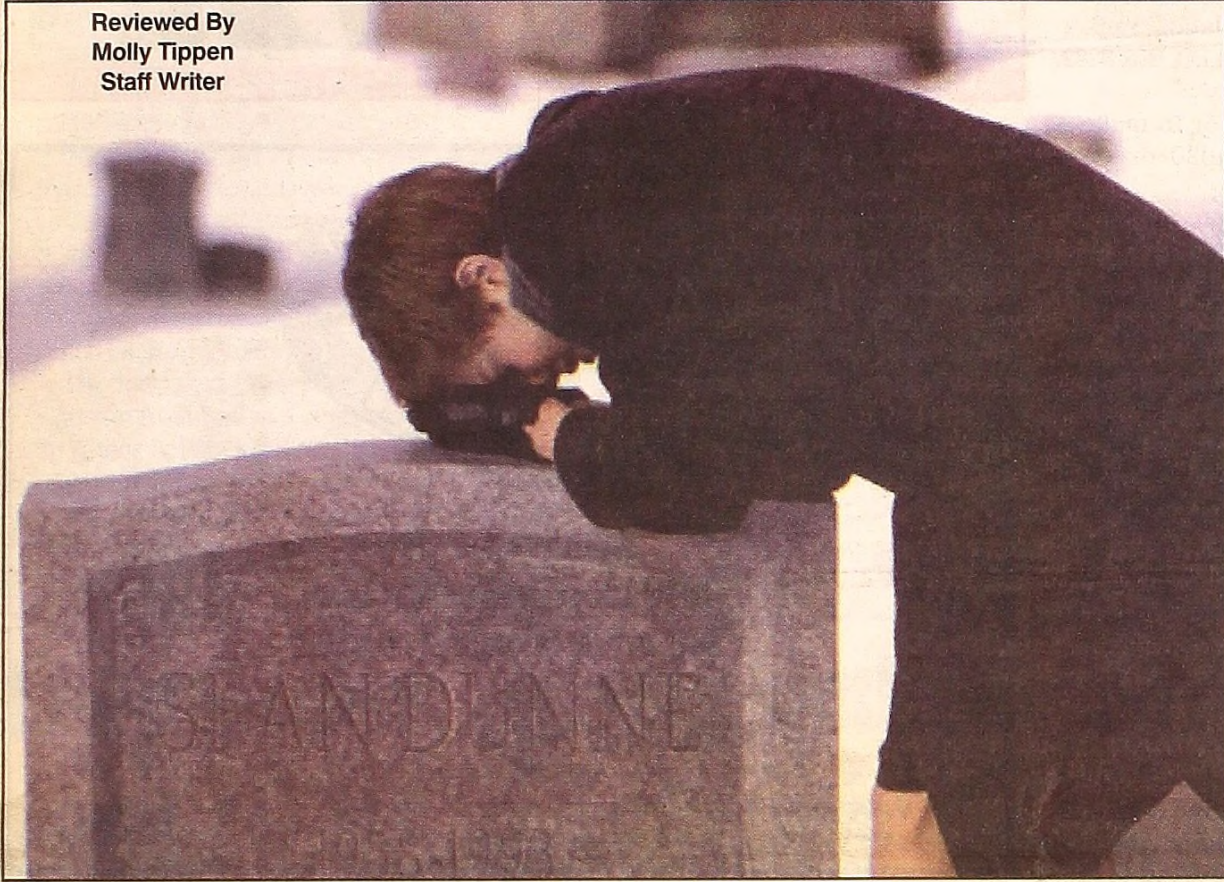
The performers handle each of their roles with skill and integrity in understated performances. Kidman continues to show why she's one of Hollywood's most sought after actresses. Bright, as the boy Sean, is a revelation, playing his role with a conviction rarely seen in a child actor. The supporting cast, featuring Bacall, Heche, Stormare and Huston, is superb.

But as the story unfolds, questions about the fundamental nature of Anna's first marriage – and about love itself – abound.

When you love someone, what is that you love? Is it the real person, or the idea of a person? How much can a person suffer when those two comparisons don't match?

The end of the story doesn't reveal those answers. But the film is definitely worth seeing.

Reviewed By
Molly Tippen
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Cause of Yankee Air Museum fire remains undetermined

According to Michigan State Police officials, the cause of the fire that took place on Oct. 9 at the Yankee Air Museum in Belleville has officially been declared unknown. Investigators said that clues to the cause of the blaze were destroyed in the fire.

Museum representatives have begun to put back the aviation pieces and have asked for some help from the community.

So far, the museum has generated thousands of dollars in pledges. They have also received artifacts from around the world, aircraft equipment and numerous calls, but they still need more.

The Michigan Aerospace Foundation, the sister organization of the museum, will work to raise the necessary funds to rebuild the museum as soon as possible.

With the help of the Willow Run Airport and the museum, the foundation will seek funding and other help from both individual and corporate sponsors.

All equipment that supports the aircraft, along with the museum building was destroyed by the fire, so any donations of memorabilia or equipment is appreciated, according to Dennis Norton, president of the Michigan Aerospace Foundation.

Donations can be sent directly to the Michigan Aerospace Foundation at: Michigan Aerospace Foundation Yankee Air Museum Recovery Fund P.O. Box 8282, Ann Arbor MI, 48107-8282.

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Inkster police find source of drug activity in area

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Inkster police investigators found the source of prolonged drug activity on Oct. 22 when two homes on the south side of the city were raided.

The homes, on Burton and Williams streets, were raided after an undercover informant told police that an extensive "grow operation" was hidden behind a furnace at the Burton Street home. Money believed to be profit from the sale of the marijuana was found at the Williams home. One man was arrested after undercover narcotics detectives conducted surveillance for 2 months.

Police believe that the brother of the man arrested – the person who rents the Burton residence – is the driving force behind the operation. Police said it's a common practice for dealers to keep a grow operation – the term used for a room with multiple plants – in one location while keeping large amounts of cash at another location.

"It was obvious to us that there was an intent to sell the drugs," said Inkster Police Sgt. Scott Rechtzigal. "I would describe this operation as medium-sized. But it was obvious from the stuff we found,

supplies and packaging materials. There was just too much of it for personal use."

Rechtzigal said about 3.4 ounces of marijuana were found at the Burton location, along with two semi-automatic guns. Scales, small plastic bags and measuring tools were also discovered. At the Williams location – \$26,600 in small bills was discovered inside a safe.

The marijuana has a street value of about \$200, police said. The money found at the Williams home is believed to be connected to the drugs because police dogs picked up trace amounts of drugs on the bills.

Police are working on warrants for both men to submit to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. Each could face charges of possession, delivery and manufacturing of marijuana, a 15-year felony. The identity of the man in custody is being withheld pending formal arraignment, and police are still seeking his brother.

Rechtzigal said the amount of drugs confiscated might not sound like much until the potential profits are realized.

"They only had seedlings planted, so they were just getting started," he said. "If you do the math – if 3.4 ounces is worth \$200, then \$26,000 represents a lot of drugs."

Businesses avoid alcohol 'sting'

Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

While underage drinking may still occur, a decoy operation staged by the City of Northville Police Department Oct. 14 shows that area stores are doing their part to curtail the problem.

As part of an on-going program to locate and crack down on vendors who sell alcohol to minors, a volunteer underage decoy was sent into five different area store that sell liquor to purchase some alcohol with identification that clearly showed the volunteer to be under the age of 21. While the decoy was in the store, Northville Police Ofc. Richard

Rogowski waited outside in an unmarked police car to see whether or not the decoy returned with alcohol. If liquor were sold to the decoy, Rogowski would then enter the store to write the necessary citations.

This time, however, all of the sellers received commendations, rather than citations. Clerks at the CVS store on Dunlap Street, the Good Time party store, Hiller's Market, and the Hamlet Food Mart all refused the sale after checking the decoy's identification. At Northville Gourmet, not only was the liquor sale refused after the ID was checked, but according to police, the business owner also confiscated the ID of minor attempting to purchase the alcohol.

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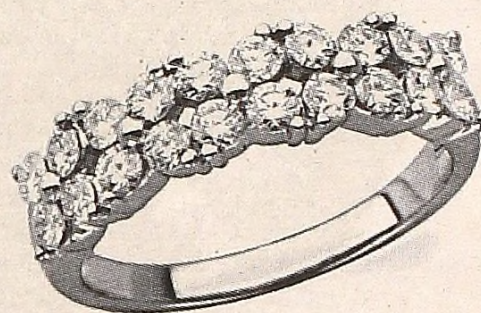
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SPORTS

Next! Chiefs trounce Tigers 42-6

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Of the four Western Wayne County area teams that made it to the post season, only the undefeated Canton Chiefs remain and are prepared, capable and determined to plow on to a state championship.

They trounced the Tigers, 42-6, in the opening playoff game Friday in Canton.

As the fog rolled in during the second half, Belleville's hopes to move on were extinguished.

The first period remained scoreless for both teams. Canton had an opportunity in the first when senior fullback Chuck Schumacher trudged 46 yards for a touchdown that was called back on a holding penalty.

On their next possession, Canton had a 22-yard run from halfback Andy Rossow, which set up senior halfback Julian Smith for a four-yard touchdown run at the 11:57 mark. The extra point attempt by Colin O'Shaughnessy failed, but the Chiefs were up, 6-0.

Belleville couldn't get their offense going and

Canton's offense wore down the Tigers. On Belleville's second possession of the second quarter they were forced to punt, but the line broke down as sophomore halfback Deshon McClendon charged through it, blocked the ball and picked it up for a Chief score at the 8:00 mark. The two-point conversion failed and the game was set at 12-0.

The blocked punt opened the floodgates and Canton was relentless for the rest of the game.

Belleville tried to keep their heads above the water at first and traded a few three-and-outs with Canton, but the Chiefs' ground game got the best of them. With 15 seconds left in the half Smith caught a 9-yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback Shawn Little. Senior tight end Jake Powers caught the pass to convert for two points, which made it a 20-0 game at the end of the first half.

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Senior running back Julian Smith runs past Belleville's defense in the Chiefs' 42-6 playoff victory Friday night in Canton.

Lady Eagles remain undefeated, 9-0 in Mega White

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

It was routine work for the Romulus Lady Eagles last week.

They knocked off two more Mega White teams, Woodhaven and Trenton, to remain at the top of the conference, 9-0, and at 15-2 overall.

Last Thursday, Romulus defeated the Trenton Trojans, 52-44. It wasn't a runaway as usual, though. Romulus found themselves with a three-point deficit midway through the third quarter after Trenton rallied from a nine-point hole at half time to take a the lead, 39-36, with about four

minutes left in the third quarter.

Junior forward Landria Buckley took matters into her own hands and scored a three pointer to tie the game. From there, the Eagles never looked back. That's the second game that Buckley has saved for Romulus. She also scored the winning shot against Dearborn the previous week.

"She's been our clutch secret weapon for us," said Romulus Coach Rhonda Henry. "She creates so much with her steals; she's such a special player. She contributes in every area of the game and she's a strong leader - probably one of our strongest, but

doesn't always get the recognition."

Buckley finished the night

"We don't have to live or die with just a few players. It's nice to see others contributing; it really is a team effort."

with 12 points, five rebounds and six steals.

After Buckley's tying three-pointer, the momentum switched back into Romulus' favor.

Rebounds and free throws slowed down the game and the Eagles held on for the victory, according to Henry. The Eagles outscored the Trojans 20-13 in the final quarter, which included 9-of-13 from the line.

Henry said she is pleased with the amount of contribution received by all members of the team, on and off the bench.

"We don't have to live or die with just a few players," she said. "It's nice to see others contributing; it really is a team effort."

Senior point guard Paris Hawkins led the offense with 13 points. Senior forward Ashley Sibby was back to top form after

an ankle injury the previous week. She completed a double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds. She blocked five shots, too. Senior forward Candace Lawrence tallied eight points in the win.

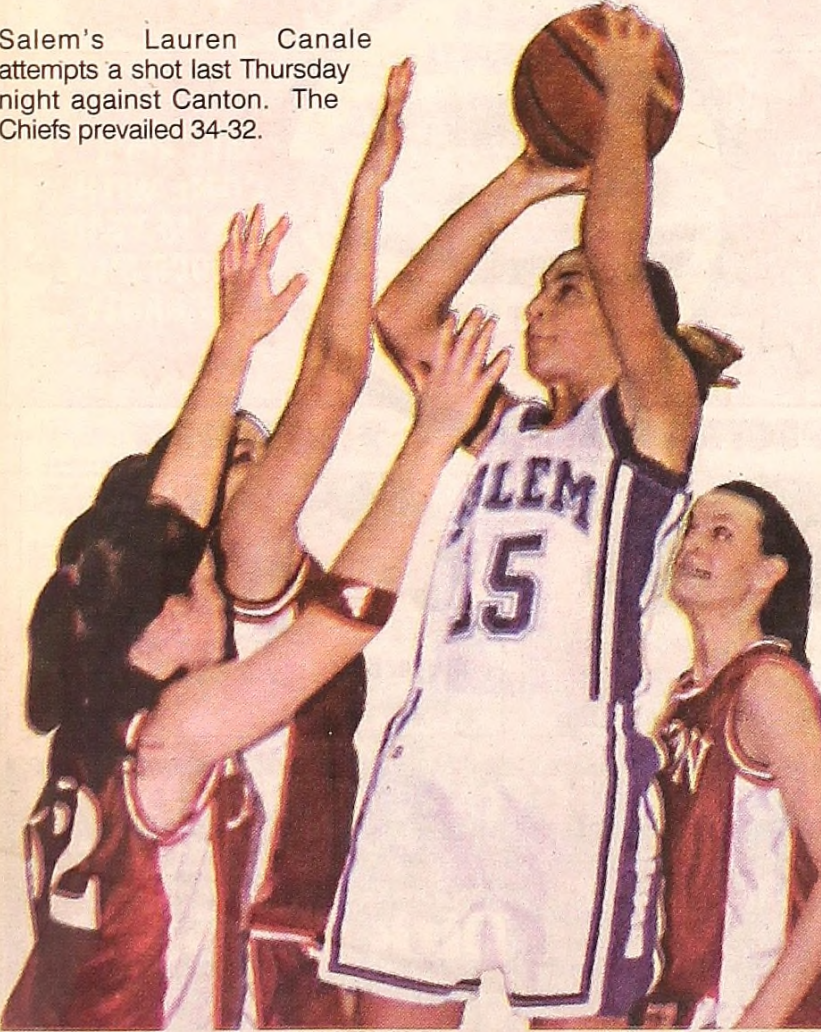
Romulus 68, Woodhaven 42

Despite Romulus' slow start, Woodhaven didn't prove to be a threat in last Tuesday's meeting. The Eagles prevailed 68-42.

With the injured Sibby out, Henry said someone had to step up and make some rebounds. Junior post player Jasmine Charles did just that. She nabbed

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Salem's Lauren Canale attempts a shot last Thursday night against Canton. The Chiefs prevailed 34-32.



Canton Chiefs hold on for 35-32 victory

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

A Canton-Salem match up on the hardwood usually means low scoring, defense, defense, defense and, above all, excitement to the very last shot.

Last Thursday night, when the two teams met, proved to be all that and more.

With 14 seconds left to play there was still no clear-cut winner. A second earlier Canton had the lead, 33-29, but Salem's Lauren Canale hit a three-pointer that brought the Rocks to within one point.

But Canton's top scorer was fouled in the final seconds and hit 1-of-2 shots to seal the game, 34-32, for the Chiefs.

"It was your typical Canton versus Salem game," said Canton Coach Bob Blohm. "It was a tale of two games, really. We led the first half and Salem outscored us in

the second half. We had enough of a lead, though, and hung on."

Canton doubled Salem's points in the first half, 17-8, and held Salem to just two points in the first quarter. In the third, Canton was ahead by as much as 10 points in the fourth, but Salem slowly started to come back.

Canale hit for three to bring the game to 25-21 with about seven minutes remaining. She was fouled on the play and hit her two shots, which made it a two-point game, 25-23.

Salem took the lead, 27-25, for the first time at 5:21 in the final period. Cezat was fouled and hit one shot from the line to make it a one-point game. Then Molly Conlon hit a beautiful shot from outside for two, which put the Chiefs back on top, 28-27.

Point guard Becci Houdek had a breakaway lay-up to extend the lead to 30-27. But Canale hit two to keep the Rocks in it. Canton's Lisa Ealy recov-

ered a rebound and was fouled. She hit one from the line, but the second missed. She recovered the rebound and was fouled again. This time she hit both and put the Chiefs up 33-29 with 28 seconds on the clock. The rest is history as Canale hit for three to narrow the lead and Cezat nailed her free throw to put the game away 34-32.

Blohm said the key to the win were free throws. Canton went to the line 20 times and made 10, with a majority of them in the second half.

Cezat and Ealy each scored 14 points in the victory. Cezat nabbed nine rebounds, while Ealy had six. Houdek made five steals and had five assists as point guard.

Canale led the Rocks with 14, as well. However, Canton held her to four points through three quarters. The win, coupled with

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Glenn falls to Truman, 23-14

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

For first year John Glenn Coach Todd DeLuca, a 23-14 playoff loss to Taylor Truman wasn't the way he wanted his first year as head coach to end.

"I'm disappointed we lost the last three games," he said. "It's not the way we planned it. The guys that did play Friday night played their hearts out. They battled as hard as they could."

Glenn was missing all-conference senior quarterback, Vinnie DeLuca - who is also the coach's son - as well as all-conference defensive back Sam Williams and all-conference center Vern Emmons.

Truman had excellent skill players—the quarterback was efficient, the wide receivers were fast and the running backs were powerful, DeLuca said.

"We knew we were in for a battle."

The Truman Cougars used their speed to their advantage to take a 20-7 half-time lead.

Truman quarterback Eric Mandreger tossed a pass to Maurice Cade for a 48-yard score and a 7-0 lead. Glenn countered with a four-yard run by senior running back Reece Cox. The touchdown knotted the score 7-7 at the end of the first quarter.

Truman wasted no time retaking the lead when Mandreger hit Cade for his second of three touchdowns. This one was a 32-yard scoring pass.

Glenn gave up the ball on downs when they failed to convert on a fourth-and-one

play on their own 39-yard line. Truman took advantage and scored on the next play. Mandreger hit Cade again for a 39-yard score that put Truman up 20-7 at the end of the half.

"I have no regrets," DeLuca said. "I'd do it again. If we can't make a yard, then we have more problems."

Glenn answered when Cox scored his second touchdown of the night. This one was from three yards out and it cut the lead to six points, 20-14, with 3:22 left in the third quarter.

Truman drove into Glenn territory again and David Greenslait nailed a 27-yard field goal to put the game away, 23-14.

John McCahill stepped in at quarterback for Vinnie DeLuca, who was out due to a concussion he suffered in the Glenn-Wayne game last week. McCahill finished 5-of-12 for 45 yards and two interceptions. Cox, Glenn's offensive star of the

game, finished with 127 yards on 30 carries and two touchdowns. All conference wide receiver Nathan Beard caught four passes for 26 yards.

"I'm proud how the guys battled," DeLuca said. "They worked hard all season."

He said that his first year as head coach was a valuable learning experience.

"It was a very unique situation because Vinnie was my son and my quarterback," he said. "I've learned a lot and it was a great experience. I have a lot of respect for Chuck Gordon, who did it for 26 years."

"I will be back next year," he said.

*I'm proud how the
guys battled, they worked
hard all season.*

Coach Todd DeLuca

Northville hoopsters split week

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Northville Mustangs split their week against a tough Walled Lake Central squad and struggling Churchill Chargers team.

They defeated Churchill, 41-26, last Thursday at home. Evonna Karchon led the attack with 11 points. She also nabbed eight rebounds, while Simone Toney added 10 points. Toney was 2-for-2 from three-point land. Emily Weaver and Lauren Iwema were both strong off the boards; each had six rebounds.

Despite a slow start - five points in the first quarter - the 'Stangs led the entire way and never looked back until the game was over and they won, 41-26.

Tuesday's match up against Walled Lake Central was a different story.

The Mustangs led the whole way, but looked over their shoulders in the final minute of the game as Central closed a 10-point gap and stole the victory, 55-52.

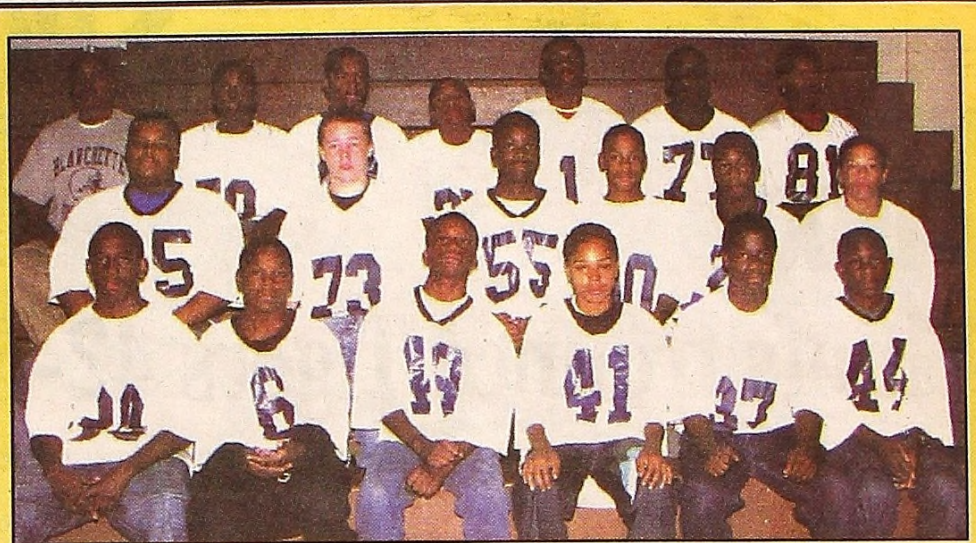
"Walled Lake Central plays extremely fast," said Northville Coach Pete Wright. "They press all of the time and want you to play fast. It is hard to pass up shots because you are always open."

"We shot the ball well but a lot of points were scored on 2-on-1 and 3-on-2 opportunities," he added.

Northville led the whole way. They had a 29-25 half-time lead and a 10-point lead in the fourth, according to Wright, but Central nibbled away at it.

"We were up 10 in the fourth and had three trips where we took a bad shot or turned it over," Wright said. "Central converted on all three trips with two three-pointers and a two to get back in the game."

Central went ahead for the first time with about 35 seconds left in the game. The score was 53-52 at that point. Wright said Northville had some opportunities to go ahead but was unable to capitalize. Central hit two late free throws to put the game away 55-52.



The Inkster Blanchette Middle School Cougars went undefeated this season.

Blanchette Cougars go undefeated

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

With varsity football playoffs in full swing, the achievements of younger teams sometimes go unnoticed.

In the case of the Inkster Blanchette Middle School Cougars, it has.

The Cougars went 6-0 under the guidance of Coach Darrick Todd and assistant coaches Mark Robinson and Don Scheller.

Defense was a large part of the team's success. They only allowed 13 points during the entire season and recorded four shutouts. They defeated Melvindale (14-0), Redford Pierce (22-0), River Rouge (39-7), Allen Park (42-6), Ecorse (39-0) and Hilbert (6-0).

The MVP of the season went to Renty James Rollins III. He rushed for a total of 379 yards and passed for 385 and finished with 10 touchdowns. Rollins also contributed with one inter-

ception and three sacks on defense.

Wide receiver George Haggen caught for 155 yards and four touchdowns for the season. Jamal King led the receiving core in yards with 165 and had two touchdowns. Michael Taylor earned 192 yards on the ground with four touchdowns and Matthew Conerly added 55 yards and two scores.

Haggen, along with Gregory Walker and Michael Taylor, were forces to be reckoned with on the defensive side of the ball as well, according to Todd. He recorded eight sacks. Taylor recorded two interceptions and recovered two fumbles with one touchdown, while Walker made one interception for a touchdown and had four sacks. Gabriel Magee and Orlando Fickling both contributed with interceptions.

Walker also recorded 25 yards rushing and 65 yards receiving and one touchdown on offense. Magee also had 80 yards rushing for the team.

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Channel 7 sportscaster Don Shane recently interviewed Romulus High School's Athlete of the Week Philip Roscoe and head football coach Wade Cook. Celeste Roscoe, Philip's mother and board of education secretary, was on hand for the production.



Don Shane and Channel 7 also honored Avery Stephenson as an Athlete of the Week. From left—Don Foley, high school assistant principal; Nate Oats, head basketball coach; Stephenson; Bethany Stephenson, Avery's mother and Shane.

Romulus student athletes honored by Channel 7

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Romulus Senior High School student athletes Philip Roscoe and Avery Stephenson were recently honored as "Student Athletes of the Week" by Channel 7 sport show host Don Shane.

The honorees were accompanied to their television interview appearances by Don Foley, assistant principal of Romulus High School, their parents Celeste Roscoe and Bethany Stephenson, head football coach Wade Cook and head basketball coach Nate Oats.

The Channel 7 nominees are judged on outstanding athletic performance, a high grade point average, student leadership and volunteering for community service.

"It is really an honor to be selected for the "Student Athlete of the Week" program," Foley said. "The fact that we had two students honored in a short period of time certainly speaks well for Romulus High School. Prospective students

need to have very high qualifications to even be considered for the award.

"We are very proud of these two young gentlemen; their outstanding achievements and the recognition of their excellence has brought to our school," he added.

Roscoe carries a 3.8 overall grade point average and is a member of the football, wrestling, baseball and robotics teams. He was recently selected to the 2004 Homecoming Court and was selected to the All Mega White football and All Mega Gold baseball teams. He further played for the Detroit all-stars in a special major league baseball national World Series competition this summer.

"Phillip was one of our student leaders and he demonstrated his leadership by accepting the challenges of playing linebacker and several other positions we needed throughout his senior year," Cook said.

Stephenson has a 3.9 grade point average and will be a starter on on the varsity basket-

ball team this winter. He was also selected to the 2004 Homecoming Court where he was crowned king.

"Avery has a lot of potential

and could do some good things for our basketball team this season," Oats said. "He is a really good kid and it is a pleasure to have him on our team."

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Chiefs

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the 47-20 victory against Stevenson last Tuesday, was enough to tie Canton for the Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA) conference championship with Walled Lake Northern.

Against Stevenson, defense and rebounds were the keys for the victory, Blohm said. Canton grabbed 29 total rebounds, 18 defensive, in the contest. The

defense limited Stevenson to single digits in every quarter, including a one-point third quarter.

Cezat led again with 14 points, 10 rebounds and four blocked shots. Conlon added 10 points and Ealy tallied 11 points with seven rebounds.

The WLAA conference tournament started this week and districts start next week.

Canton will play South Lyon in the first round of districts. The winner of that game will see Plymouth. On the top half of the bracket Salem will face the winner of the Northville-Novii game.

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Whalers drop 2, defeat Ottawa 67s

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

There weren't many treats for the Plymouth Whalers this Halloween weekend as they lost two of three contests.

They suffered their second loss of the weekend, 4-1, when they traveled to Brampton Sunday and took on the Battalion.

After a scoreless first period, the Whalers had to play catch up for the rest of the game. J.F. Houle scored first to put the Battalion on the board at the 9:20 mark. But the Whalers caught up when Plymouth's Vaclav Meidl scored on a power play to knot the game, 1-1. The goal came at the 11:12 mark when Meidl deflected a pass from Mike Knight past Brampton's goaltender, Kevin Couture. John Vigilante recorded the other assist.

The tie didn't last long, though, as Brampton's Ryan Oulahan, a fifth-round draft pick of the Detroit Red Wings in the 2003 NHL Entry Draft, scored a short-handed goal on Plymouth goalie Justin Garay with less than two minutes left in the period.

The goal lifted the Battalion as they scored two more goals in the final period to put the game away.

Houle scored his second of the night to kick off the third period to put Brampton up, 3-1. Wojtek Wolski finished the scoring with a power-play goal at 11:34. Oulahan and Michael Vernace notched the assist.

With Windsor's win in Saginaw on Sunday, the Whalers (6-7-1-2) are in second place in the West division.

Whalers 4, Attack 5

Plymouth stumbled in an overtime attack by Owen Sound on Saturday. The Whalers fell, 5-4.

Only 44 seconds into the extra period, the Attack's Brad Richardson put his second goal of the night past Plymouth's Ryan Nie. Jonathan Lahun and Stefan Ruzicka assisted on the game-winning goal.

Both teams were off to a quick start. Scott Giles put the Attack on the board first just 53 seconds into the game. Plymouth countered with a score from Andrew Fournier at the 2:14 mark. Rookie Cory Tanaka recorded the lone assist on the play.



The Plymouth Whalers broke a three-game losing streak when they defeated the Ottawa 67s 2-1 Friday night (above). They did lose two road games to Owen Sound on Saturday and Brampton on Sunday.

Ruzicka put the Attack back on top, 2-1, at 3:39 and Giles added his second goal in about 12 minutes, which made it 3-1.

Dan Collins took advantage on a power play. With less than 30 seconds to go in the opening period, Collins put the puck home to cut into the Attack's lead, 3-2.

Things settled down some in the second period. Richardson extended the lead to 4-2 with a goal at 5:35, but Jonas Fiedler made it a one-goal game again with an assist from John Mitchell. With less than four minutes in regulation time, Mike Martinelli

knotted the game, 4-4, with an unassisted score.

In overtime, James Neal was still in the box for a third-period slashing penalty. Richardson scored with 14 seconds left in the penalty.

Whalers 2, Ottawa 1

The weekend started out better than it finished for the Whalers. Plymouth snapped a three-game losing streak with a 2-1 victory against the Ottawa 67s on Friday night in Plymouth Township.

Collin's goal in the second period broke a 1-1 tie. The

defense and Nie held the victory in check. Nie stopped 32-of-33 shots keep the Whalers in the game.

Peter Tsimikalis scored Ottawa's lone goal. But Tim Sestito took care of business on a power play at 4:07 in the second period, which made it a 1-1 game.

The rest was up to Collins as he skated into Ottawa territory and snapped a shot past 67's goalie Anthony Guadagnolo for the victory.

The Whalers will host Oshawa on Saturday.

Eagles

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11 rebounds and knocked down 14 points for the team.

Buckley was close to a double-double again with 14 points and nine rebounds. She also had eight steals and six assists.

It was the first game back for Hawkins and it didn't look like

she missed a step, Henry said. She scored 12 points with six assists and five steals.

Freshman forward Jasmine Brown was solid with four points, five rebounds and two steals.

Henry also brought sophomore center Alyssa Long up from the junior varsity squad to help fill holes. She had four points and five rebounds in her first varsity game.

They will finish off the regular season next week with two tough games against Garden City at home on Tuesday and Dearborn on the road on Thursday.

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Novi topples Northville 51-13

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Northville varsity football team didn't quite finish season the way they wanted to. They were ousted from the state playoffs early with a 51-13 loss to neighboring rivals Novi.

"They're just faster," said Northville Coach Clint Alexander. "Our kids have a lot of character. I don't know if character can match speed."

Novi used their speed to race to a 21-0 lead in the first quarter. They showed no signs of slowing when they took a 34-7 lead at half time.

Northville got on the board when junior all-division quarterback Charlie Thomas threw a strike to senior all-conference wide receiver Mike Jameson for a 65-yard score. Jameson proved why he was an all conference selection when he finished with six catches for 100 yards. Thomas ended the night 12-of-24 for 148 yards and three interceptions.

The Mustangs scored again in the third, but Novi added 10 more points in the quarter, which made it 44-13, according to Alexander.

All Conference selection senior running back Mac Stilec scored Northville's second touchdown in the game. He ran the score in from four yards out. Stilec went 85 yards on 13 carries.

Novi scored once more in the fourth quarter to put the game away, 51-13.

The loss was the second in a row for Northville. Both were to Novi and by a significant amount of points. The only other team the 7-3 'Stangs lost to was the titanic Canton. Alexander said he was disappointed by being knocked out of the playoffs early but isn't disappointed by who he lost to. The biggest loss may be losing senior players to graduation this year.

"The kids worked hard all season; we lost to two really good teams, Canton and Novi twice," he said. "They were a great bunch of kids and we did a lot of things successfully."

"We'll lose a lot of seniors," he added. "But the senior class has given us a lot and showed us what you have to do to win. Hopefully the younger guys learned from that."

Novi will go on to play the Chiefs tomorrow night in Canton.

Canton - Chiefs ready for Novi in round two

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Canton's ground attack didn't let up in the second half. It was a Canton's trademark combination of their four running backs; McClendon, Smith, Schumacher and Rossow that wore the Tigers' defenses down. Little completed a 32-yard pass to Powers on first and 10, which set up Smith's third touchdown. Rossow ran in the two-point conversion and the game was out of Belleville's reach at 28-0.

Belleville didn't just lay down, though. On their next possession, senior running back Isaac Kindell broke free for a 65-yard jaunt to the end zone. The extra point was blocked, but the Tigers were on the board.

Canton answered with a nine-yard score by Schumacher. O'Shaughnessy's kick was good, which made it 35-6.

The Chiefs had another score called back in the fourth quarter but that only temporarily stalled the scoring machine. McClendon ran it in from the 1-yard line. Coupled with O'Shaughnessy's extra point, the touchdown made it 42-6 with almost 10 minutes left to play. With the clock running, a seven-play running drive by Canton didn't leave much time for the Tigers to get back into the game.

Canton's defense was the key to the game, according to Belleville Coach Bob LaPointe.

"I didn't realize how tough they were on

defense," he said. "They blocked the punt for a touchdown and scored late in the second. If they hadn't had those two it could have been a 6-0 game at half time. And we just got worn out in the second half."

The Chiefs' offense did the visible damage with their ground attack. They had 311 rushing yards. Schumacher finished with 83 yards on 15 carries. Rossow had 77 yards on 10 attempts and Smith had 55 yards on 10 tries.

Little also contributed with 63 yards rushing while he completed 4-of-7 passes for 93 yards.

Although Canton's ground attack always makes other team's defenses suffer, they rely on offense.

"We knew our defense could shut down Belleville's offense," said Canton Coach Tim Baechler. "We didn't allow any big plays."

Powers, at line backer, led the defense with eight tackles and a fumble recovery. Smith and senior defensive back David Neu recorded interceptions.

Junior defensive back Carlos Clarke had an interception for Belleville.

Canton moves on to play Novi tomorrow night in Canton.

"They're an excellent team; quick and good," Baechler said of Novi. "They look a lot like us with a quick defense and excellent skill players."

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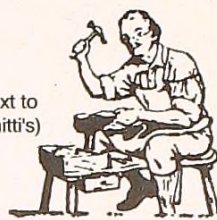
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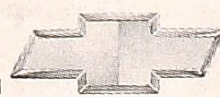
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County offers health care program

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Wayne County-based businesses struggling with the rising cost of providing health benefits to employees now have the opportunity to enroll in a plan that could help.

Wayne County Health Choice, a program founded in 1994, is a managed care plan that allows businesses to buy into a medical program with more than 600 small businesses with headquarters in Wayne County.

Dr. Ruby Wesley, the administrator for the program, said the plan is a viable alternative to bring necessary routine doctor visits, dental care, prescription coverage, and laboratory testing and emergency services to employees – for a little as \$56 per month for employees and the business. The plan is financed through a three-share partnership between Wayne County, the employer and the employee. Employers pay about \$60 per employee each month for the coverage.

Wesley said businesses that cannot afford to offer health benefits to employees face a number of

obstacles.

"Employers are telling us that when they can't offer insurance, they have sicker employees who are not as productive as they should be," she said. "They also face problems with employee retention – people are leaving company X to go to company Y, and the only reason is that company Y offers health benefits."

Michigan State Department of Community Health statistics indicate that more than 1 million people are living without health insurance. Steadily increasing health-care and drug costs, and the overall poor condition of the economy are contributing factors. The Wayne County Department of Health and Human Services does not have recent statistics regarding uninsured workers.

Williams said the program currently covers more than 5,000 employees. She added that the program is currently being examined as a national model for small businesses that cannot provide health benefits to employees. The program recently changed to new health plans and restructured the plan to alleviate troubles it had paying doctors and other health-

care providers.

Under Wayne County Health Choice, at least half of a business' employees are required to earn less than \$10 per hour. To receive the cost break from the county, the employee must live in Wayne County. If an employee does not live in Wayne County, they can be insured, but for a higher rate. Workers who earn more than \$10.50 will receive a reduced county subsidy, even if they live in Wayne County.

Co-payment for doctor visits cost \$10. Visits to specialists require a referral and cost \$20. Prescription co-pays are \$20. Co-pays for generic drugs are less, Wesley said. Doctors working with three HMOs – Midwest Health, Procure and Community Care Partners – provide services, Wesley said.

Employers with more than three employees may participate in the plan, Wesley said. Employers must also conduct 90 percent of their business in Wayne County. Employees must work at least 20 hours per week.

For more information on the Wayne County Health Choice program, call 1 (800) WELL-NOW.



Expert advice

Last week, members of the Plymouth Noon Rotary Club heard Sharon Miller, owner of IT Staffing Solutions, talk about the climate of small business today. Miller, former chair of the National Small Business Association and the Small Business Association of Michigan, has offices in five states. She urged business owners to tell employees to re-train themselves and keep current with skills needed in the market today, not rely on job skills of the past. And as an aside, Miller assured the crowd that New York and Pennsylvania laws and taxes are far less business friendly than those in Michigan.



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"Excuse me sir," said a man who'd come from behind me.

"I'm not a bum; I'm working construction down the street. Can I trouble you for 50 cents?"

He looked maybe 38 years old, and worn out. He was wearing a dirty t-shirt and shiny gym pants.

In the four seconds it took for him to make his pitch, my mind judged. "If you work down the street, what are you doing here? If you're not a bum why do you need 50 cents?"

I hate a liar.
"Get the hell outta here," I said.

He moved away, rejected. I felt like a jerk. I didn't need to add to his misery.

I drove down Sunset the way the guy had walked. A half a dozen blocks later, I spotted him sitting on a bus bench.

"I apologize for treating you so poorly back there," I said through the open car window.

"That's OK."
I handed him a buck.
"Thanks, I appreciate that."
"Hard times?" I asked.
"Yeah. I fell off the wagon."
"How long were you sober?"
"Two years. I worked at Impact treatment center," he said.

"What happened?"
"My girl," he answered.
"She got you drunk, huh? Damn her!" He smiled knowingly.
"Time to get it together?"
"Yeah, I was gonna call a place today," he said.

"How about Impact?"
He shook his head no.
"When I accepted that I had a problem," I told him. "a friend suggested I call a fella I'd fought with years before. My friend said the guy would be delighted to hear from me."

"That's all I needed to make the call and prove my pal wrong. I just knew the guy wouldn't want to hear from me. So, I

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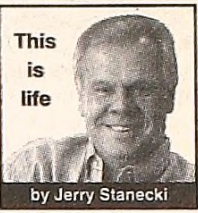
"I can't believe you told me that," he said. "That's what has stopped me. Fear they won't want me back at Impact."

What's your name?"
"Bobby, he answered. "Bobby Kennedy. And, I got a brother named Ted."

"Bobby Kennedy," I said, "make the call to Impact. They'll be delighted to hear from you."

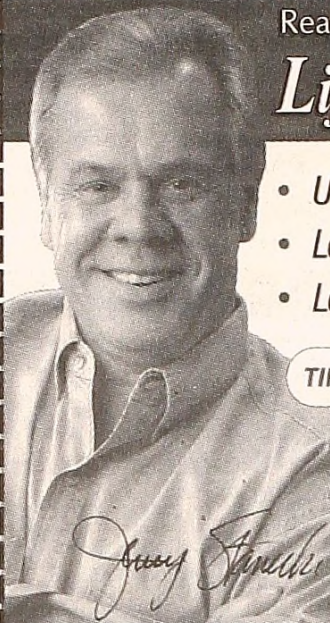
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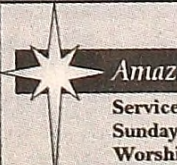


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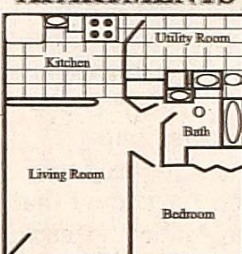
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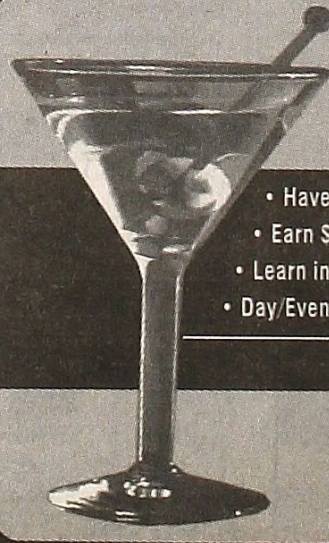
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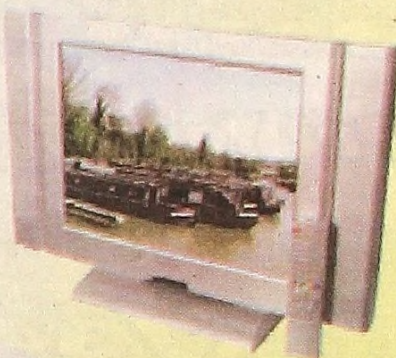


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